

**Amendments to the Specification:**

In the English translation document, please delete the term --Description-- at page 1 line 1 before the title.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 6, after the title, as follows:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is the US National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2004/051926, filed August 26, 2004 and claims the benefit thereof. The International Application claims the benefits of German application No. 10358345.9 DE filed December 12, 2003, both of the applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading and paragraph at page 1 line 6, after the newly added CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS section, as follows:

**--FIELD OF INVENTION**

The present invention relates to a configuration for substitute-switching spatially separated switching systems.--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 1 line 6, after the newly added FIELD OF INVENTION section, as follows:

**--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 2 line 4, as follows:

**--SUMMARY OF INVENTION--**

In the English translation document, please amend the paragraph at page 3 line 33 – page 4 line 3, as follows:

The An object of the invention is therefore that of providing a network structure for how a geographical redundancy of switching systems can be developed so that, in the event of a fault, a failed switching system will reliably be switched efficiently over to a redundancy partner.

In the English translation document, please delete the paragraph at page 4 lines 5-7.

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 5 line 22, as follows:

--BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--

In the English translation document, please add the section heading at page 5 line 33, as follows:

--DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF INVENTION--